

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, lines 20-23, please amend the following:

“Preferably, the piston is enclosed by an [~~O-ring~~] sealing ring over its entire circumference, which is firmly inserted in the valve body and whose inner wall, together with the lateral surface of the piston, forms a boundary for the throttle gap.

This [~~O-ring~~] sealing ring, according to an advantageous further development of the invention, is made”